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Driver Arrested for DUI and Explosives Possession After Several Hit and Run Collisions End in Vehicle Crashing Off Overpass.

At approximately 5:30pm on July 6, 2006, the Washington State Patrol received reports of an erratically driven blue Chevy Suburban traveling southbound State Route 167 from the Kent area. Those 911 calls quickly turned in reported hit and run collisions involving the same vehicle. Troopers responding to the area then learned that the Suburban had exited to 15th Street Northwest heading toward Auburn and had been involved in another collision sending it across the oncoming lanes, through the retention barrier, and off the overpass over the interurban trail. The Suburban came to rest on its top on the hillside and the driver was found attempting to leave the scene on foot.

The 35 year old, male driver of the Suburban was arrested for suspicion of DUI and taken to Auburn Regional Medical Center for facial injuries. No other injuries were reported in the three confirmed Hit and Run collisions surrounding this incident.

Inspection of the Suburban while on its top perched precariously on the hillside forced the response of the State Patrol Bomb Squad to take control of several large illegal fireworks that were found inside the vehicle.

The driver identified as Curtis Jerry of Auburn was charged with 3 counts of hit and run, DUI, driving without a license, possession of marijuana, and possession of illegal explosives.

The collisions are still under investigation.

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